BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) The divisive forces in Jammu & Kashmir are exhibiting anti-national feelings.

(b) Government have taken a number of administrative measures to contain militant and secessionist activities and inflow of weapons from across the border which include better border management, beafing?up or intelligence set-up and relentless pressure on them by the security forces.

(c) These forces are getting material help in arms, equipment, training and guidance and motivation from across the border.

**Rise in the poverty in rural and urban areas of the country**

836. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what according to the analysis, if any, is the rise in the poverty line in the rural and urban areas in the country at the end of 1990 vis-a-vis rise in the percentage of inflation;

(b) what are the names of the States having the highest number of households below the poverty line at the end of 1990 as compared to poverty line at the end of 1989; and

(c) what is the strategy, if any, formulated by Government in allevating poverty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) and (b) The rise in the poverty line in rural and urban areas in the country in 1989-90 over 1988-89 is 6.6 per cent based on the quick estimates of Private Consumption Expenditure released by Central Statistical Organisation. The average Wholesale Price Index has increased by 7.5 per cent in 1989-90 over 1988-89. The latest estimates of poverty are available for the year 1987-88. Estimates for the years 1988-89 and 1989-90 have not been made.

(c) The approach to the Eighth Five Year Plan as approved by the National Development Council, envisages accelerated process of reduction in poverty primarily through maximising productive employment opportunities.

**Harassment to Journalists**

837. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the harassment faced by journalists in different parts of the country;

(b) whether Government have ordered any probe into such incidents; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government view with concern any incident of harassment of or assault on journalists. Where the harassment is because of law and order problem, appropriate action is taken by State Government/Union Territory. However, in pursuance of Government's deep commitment to the Freedom of Press, the Ministry of Home Affairs have issued instructions to States/Union Territories from time to time to provide adequate security to journalists.

**Deaths under police custody**

838. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of deaths that took place under police custody in such

states which are under president's rule during the last three years; year-wise and state-wise figures thereof; and

(b) what steps are being taken to prevent such deaths?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) No data relating to the number of cases involving death of the persons in police lock-up or police custody are compiled on an All-India basis, as complaints against police and other related criminal matters are primarily the concern of the State Governments from time to time to ensure that the police force conduct themselves in a humane manner and that alleged cases of police excesses should be taken serious note of and dealt with firmly. Specific complaints of this nature against the police are looked into by the Courts and the State Governments.

**Financial mismanagement by the CMD of Cement Corporation of India**

839. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:
SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some members of Parliament have recently complained to the Minister of Industry and the Prime Minister, as well, against the Chairman-cum-Managing Director of the Cement Corporation of India and have demanded inquiry against him;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have ordered enquiry into the financial mismanagement by the Chairman-cum-Managing Director of the Cement Corporation of India; and

(d) whether the enquiry has since been over and if so, what was the total amount involved in the said financial mismanagement and action Government propose to take/taken against the concerned officer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The complaints relate mainly to the alleged suppression of loss by the CMD, CCI, induction of many officers from Bharat Wagon & Engg. Ltd., not presenting Annual Report of the Undertaking correctly etc.

(c) and (d) The comments of the CMD have been asked for before taking further action in the matter.

**Prime Minister's discussion with Mr. Adnan Khashoggi**

840. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI SOM PAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the arms dealer Adnan Khashoggi was a Government of India's Guest;

(b) whether the Prime Minister and other Ministers had attended the felicitation of dinner to Mr. Khashoggi in their individual capacity; if so, what difference it makes and what is the protocal in this regard;

(c) whether the Prime Minister had invited Shri Khashoggi to Bhondasi-Ashram;

(d) the number of times the Prime Minister met him in Delhi during his stay and what was discussed;

(e) whether it is a fact that Khashoggi had discussed preliminaries of three billion dollar Arab investment in India and had asked for guarantee from other political leaders for the stability of Shri Shekhar's Government; and